

REMARKS

Responsive to the Election Requirement, dated March 24, 2004, Applicant hereby elects the species shown in "FIG. 18." Claims 1, 3-4, 6-11, 24-30, 33-34, 36-38, 40, 42 and 46 read on this species.

Also, in the Election Requirement, the Examiner has alleged that currently, no claims are generic. Applicants traverse this determination. At least claims 1, 24, 36, and 46 read on the species shown in FIGS. 18-23 and are, therefore, generic.

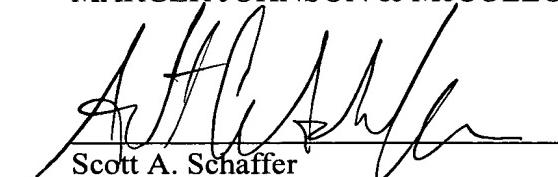
Lastly, although claims 24-46 were submitted in a preliminary amendment filed on March 12, 2004, they were not indicated as pending in the election requirement. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner consider these newly-presented claims 24-46 along with originally-presented claims 1-23 during the examination of the present case.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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